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SUBJECT:

Community Pasture Administration

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PURPOSE:

To establish a procedure for developing district policy in consultation with the livestock industry, for the administration of community pastures.

SCOPE:

The procedure covers the administration of community pastures and the related associations.

RATIONALE:

Administration of community pastures can often lead to disputes between individual pasture users or between current pasture users and those wishing to become pasture users. The forest service, as the landowner and granter of the grazing tenure, is often called on to settle these disputes.

The intention of this procedure is to set out a framework that will allow the local livestock industry, as represented by the local British Columbia Cattlemen's Association affiliated group, to decide how administration rules for community pastures will be applied within the local area. The procedure is designed to allow for a representative sampling of current pasture users, those wishing to become pasture users, and livestock producers who represent the industry at large, but do not use community pastures.

The list of issues given within the procedures is not an all encompassing list, but is suggested as the major issues which should be addressed in making a district policy for how community pastures should be administered.

PROCEDURES:

The district manager will develop district rules regarding the administration of community pastures in consultation with the local British Columbia Cattlemen's Association affiliated livestock association.

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REPRESENTATION:

The representatives from the livestock association should include current pasture association members, those wishing to be members, and other livestock producers.

ISSUES:

Issues to be addressed in developing a district policy should include, but not be limited to:

- Eligibility for membership (families, companies, partnerships)
- Allocation of new opportunities (permanent, temporary)
- Allocation of AUM's created by association member leaving
- Allocation of management increases
- Allocation of decreases in AUM's
- Transfers
- Non-use
- Appurtenant land
- Commensurability
- Livestock ownership and control
- Livestock identification
- Minimum and maximum allocation/member

DEFINITIONS:

Community Pasture:

A community pasture is a block of Crown Land that has received public funding for the purpose of intensifying range use, and over which the Ministry of Forests has issued a grazing tenure to a community pasture association.

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<p><u>Community Pasture Association:</u></p> <p>A community pasture association is an association duly registered with the Registrar of Companies under the <i>Society Act</i>, and which presently holds a grazing tenure with the Ministry of Forests.</p> <p>REFERENCES:</p> <p><i>Range Act</i> Sec. 5(b)</p> <hr/> <p>Ray L. Schultz, R.P.F. Regional Manager Prince George Forest Region</p>				
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